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Sept. 14, 1960

Mr. Allan W. Dulles
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles :

I wish to thank you for your mild reply to my letter of the 28th of August, also for the enclosure of your talk before the VFW.

Whether you wish to accept my statement as to our country being run by a group of unconscious communists does nothing to alter the facts as to our apparent inability to overcome the Soviets. One has only to read the daily press in order to realize that the Government is vastly more incompetent than that of the Soviets. As I do not believe that we as a people are less intelligent, the results must mean that our Government is operated by those that follow the Soviets, rather than lead them.

I have studied your speech to the VFW, and let me now take up some of the things that you say in that talk. First, it is apparent that the Republicans, notably the President, regard words as a substitute for action. You yourself display this lack of leadership through damning the Soviets in words. These things are much like the game that children play, when they cry; " Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me ". The administration has never learned the truth of this rhythm.

Second, you say that too many grasp at the whims of the Soviets, such as co-existence and disarmament. Is it not a fact that the administration continually talks of its desire for peace ? Has the administration ever come forth with any sensible proposal ? It is claimed that we must have aerial inspection ! Since the Soviets would not have it, if we did not, what is the argument. Do you imagine the the Soviets trust us anymore than we do them?

Third, you say that the Soviets have no real faith in coexistence. If by this you mean that they feel that they can win a war of production, you are correct. But the actions of our Government show that they also feel that the Soviets would win such a battle, why ? Is our system so demoralized that we cannot beat the Russians in the matter of production ! Hell and damn, I don't believe this for one moment.

Fourth, You go into the history of the Soviets from the time of Marx and Lenin. You speak of the Soviet

agreement with the Germans as to the partition of Poland. This is true, but what in hell did you expect the Soviets to do at that time ! They needed the time in which to arm themselves. What did the British do at Munich ? What did the French do about the Ruhr ? What did the Allies do about Czechoslovakia ? What did we do about the Japanese invasion of China ? Come now, Mr. Dulles, you are a grown man not a child. Do you expect the Russians to be for themselves, or do you think that they should abandon themselves to us ?

Fifth, You constantly talk of the Soviet belief that Communism is better than Capitalism. Certainly they believe this, so what ? You don't believe, or do you ? The important thing is how many others in the world believe it ! The test is in the fact of production for goods for the entire world. I am certain that we can win in production, but am not at all certain that we can win in the matter of distribution. This is the point at which our system is weak, as the increasing costs and the verities of the inflation of the dollar become more and more apparent. The point at which our world is weak is where we do not accept the challenge of the Soviets. Nowhere in the world can we point to any nation that we have freed, or where great gains have been made through the use of Capitalism. This does not mean that Capitalism is not good, but rather that the people in charge of it are weak and vacillating. As sure as the fact that I am sitting in front of this typewriter is the truth that unless we stop spending all our sustenance on armaments, and forego profits that are vastly inflated, we shall lose. The only alternative is war, the sooner the better. I do not believe that our Generals have the guts for such a course, and on the other hand the manufacturers do not have the guts for an allout industrial war. Where does that leave us, you tell me ?

Sixth, you talk of the Soviets building up great arms. What the hell have we been doing. We have enough bombs, missiles, etc, stored in stockpiles to blow up every man, woman, and child on this earth. Sad to say, this is where the money goes, never to return anything of value to the world or ourselves. If we cannot not now, this very day, lick the Russians, then the members of the administration, including yourself, ought to go out and hang themselves for they would have been traitors.

Seventh, you speak of the propaganda activities of Moscow and its satellites as being the greatest such machine in the world ! Why haven't we got the greatest ? You are at the head of the intelligence service of this nation, why isn't your organization the greatest in the world ? Why isn't it the most effecient ? You get all the money

that you can use. Yet it is a truth that your failures have been astronomical in numbers, why? All that you and the administration does to is to talk of the might of the Soviets. Apparently it never occurs to either of you that this is the fault of yourselves, not the Soviets. Stop whimpering and do something yourselves.

Eighth, you talk of the spy phobia. Here, I do not know what you mean. Do you mean that we have no spies? If this is the truth, then you had better resign. In the next breath, you speak of what the Kremlin believes. How do you know what the Kremlin believes, by ESP. If you do know, then why incidents such as Cuba, Japan, Venezuela, the Congo, the Summit Conference, the U-2 incident it is apparent that someone is getting royally flap-doodled, and I suspect that it is the people of this country.

Nineth, you speak of everyone studying Communism, so that they can understand it. This is the uttermost nonsense, as the real need of the nation is the understanding of democracy and its connection with capitalism. I do not give the least God damn as to the objectives of Soviets. What I do care about is the fact that no one in the Government seems to have the least objectives of their own in so far as the greatness of the United States is concerned. I served in the Marine Corps in World War Two, and if I learned anything it was the fact of being willing to get into a battle, take your losses at the start and go on to win. This is the point at which the Soviets are beating the hell out of us, we are afraid to take any losses, or any chance of there being losses. When I say we, I do not mean the people of this country, but rather the mutton-heads that are in the Government. The people themselves have just as much courage as they ever had, but they are being lied to left and right. You talk of the rabid communists that are all over the world. Well lets see to it that there are rabid believers in democracy all over the world to take their place.

You speak of the Communists making promises that are impossible of attainment to other nations. If this is what it takes, and I do not believe it, then start making some on our own. Who said that anything goes in love and war? I don't think that it was the Communists. We are at war and the battle ground is coming closer and closer to our shores. Lets not prat about morality and principles, lets win. Lets win the war, and then the peace. Win it for ourselves, and the rest of mankind. Sure it will cost lives, but so did hurricane Donna, so does cancer, so do automobiles, but we do not stop driving. Everything in this world costs humanity something. Anyone that says differently lies in his teeth. Get going man, get going, and take that stupid President along with you. America wants to win the battle, not the debate.



